

**Findings of the Alaska Board of Game
2004-149-BOG**

**Resolution Encouraging Public Agencies Signage for Traplines on Public Lands
March 10, 2004**

Whereas, A variety of seasonal uses occur on public lands and trails during the winter months,

Whereas, The general public often is not aware of when trapping seasons are open or how to recognize trapping activity on trails,

Whereas, Recreational trail users sometimes use the same trails that trappers use,

Whereas, Unleashed pets accompanying recreational trail users can come into contact with legal trapping activities,

Whereas, the Board of Game regularly receives proposals to limit trapping activity and gear, as a result of recreational users coming into conflict with traplines,

Whereas, Official land management agency signing is probably more effective and recognizable as a standard than the current practice of private signing of traplines,

Therefore be it resolved: That the Board of Game encourages land management agencies to erect signs at trailheads on public lands in areas where trapping is allowed to notify trail users that trapping may be occurring along the trails and suggest that domestic animals be harnessed or leashed to avoid conflicts,

And further be it resolved that: That trappers and recreational users take the initiative to encourage land managers to support mutual and respective winter trail use.

Vote: 7/0
March 10, 2004
Fairbanks, Alaska

Mike Fleagle, Chair
Alaska Board of Game